

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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Indian Craft Mela
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has organised an "Indian Craft Mela" to honour the craftsmanship of the highly skilled artisans across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has organised or proposes to organise said Mela in Karnataka as well;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to honour the craftsmanship of skilled artisans during the last three years in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has taken steps to organize different marketing events throughout the country for the benefit of skilled artisans where they can sell their products directly to the customers. State-wise list of the Handicraft Marketing Events organized during last three years is attached as per Annexure-I. Total 23 Indian Craft Bazar/Exhibitions were organized in the Karnataka State during last three years. New exhibitions like Bharat Parv, cluster creations, Master creations etc. have been added for showcasing the artefacts of skilled artisans.